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父親がホストクラブを経営する葉月の家に居候中の晃は、店のナンバーワンであると同時に葉月の恋人でもある。生活する時間帯の違いからなかなかいっしょにはいられないけれども、父親公認のふたりの関係は順調だ。だけど、葉月のクラスに転校してきた神尾によって、晃を苦しめるための罠が仕掛けられて……。
清華のオール描き下ろしコミック♥

PROFILE

名　前:如月清華 Seika Kisaragi
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成分分析をしてみました。
その結果、私は…

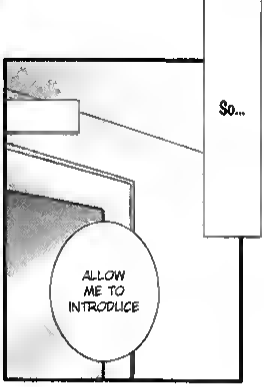
48%の鉄の意志
36%の赤い何か
8%の気の迷い
7%のマイナスイオン
1%の心の壁

でできているようです。
マイナスイオンって…(笑)

恋と嘘とプライドと

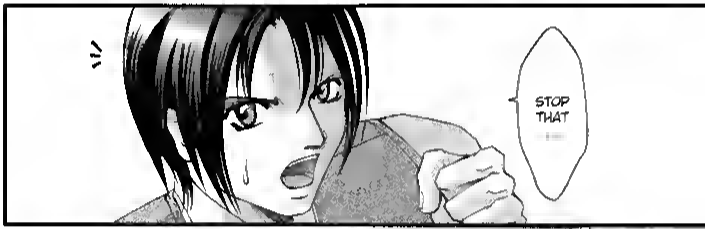
HE'LL BE JOINING OUR CLASS
YES.
REALLY.
IT'S NOT FUNNY TO INCREASE OUR CLASS NUMBERS
A TRANSFER STUDENT?
DON'T YOU THINK SO, HAZUKI?

OUR NEW STUDENT, KAMIO-KUN.


So...
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE

PLEASED TO MEET YOU ALL
I'M KAMIO SHUUJI

HEY!
MI-ZU-NO,
hmm
DUE TO KAMIO'S FATHER'S WORK, HE'S BEEN MOSTLY LIVING OVERSEAS. THERE MAY BE MANY THINGS HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND.
PLEASE HELP HIM OUT WHERE YOU CAN.
HE'S CUTE!
softly


STOP THAT

Huh?
smirk

Wha..
what!?

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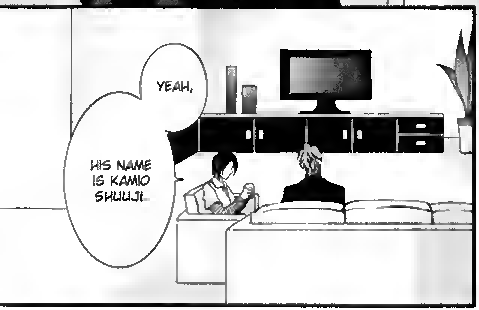
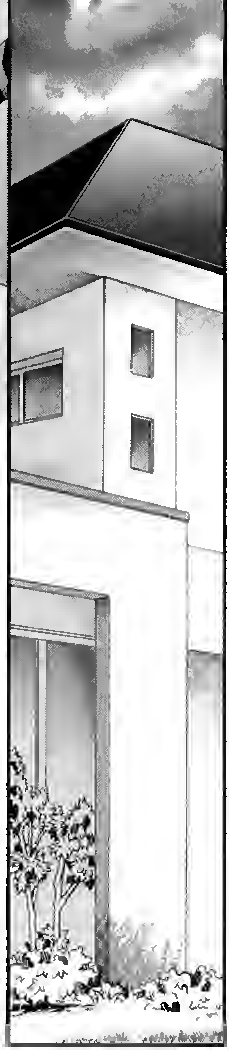
A TRANSFER STUDENT?

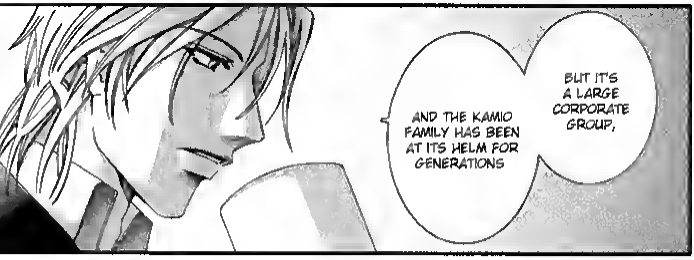

YEAH,
HIS NAME IS KAMIO SHUUJI.



What does that smile mean ...?

OH?
YOU KNOW HIM, AKIRA?
NO, I DON'T KNOW THE SON

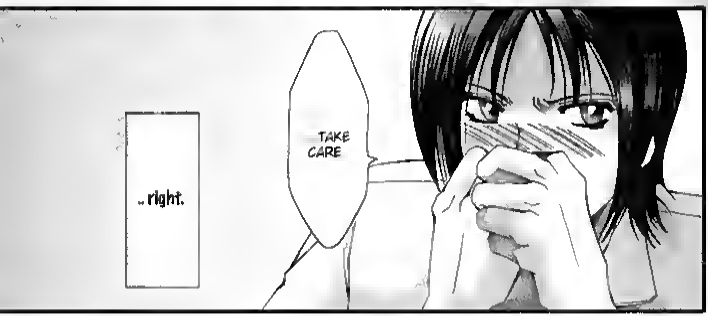
KAMIO
FROM THE KAMIO GROUP?


BUT IT'S A LARGE CORPORATE GROUP,
AND THE KAMIO FAMILY HAS BEEN AT ITS HELM FOR GENERATIONS

OH—

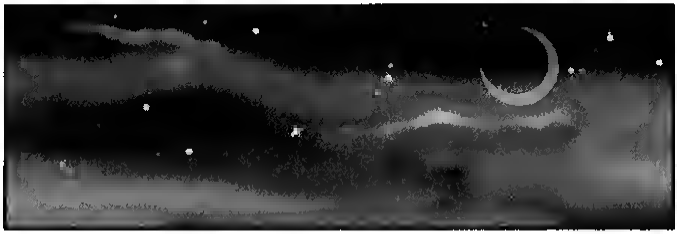
HEY, AKIRA.
HURRY UP.
DAD.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE GOING TO WORK LATER THAN THE BOSS.
YOU'VE GOT SOME GUTS, KID.
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, I'M LEAVING NOW.
REALLY,
ALL HE DOES IS BOSS ME AROUND.
OH, RIGHT, HAZUKI.
WHAT?

I'M OFF.

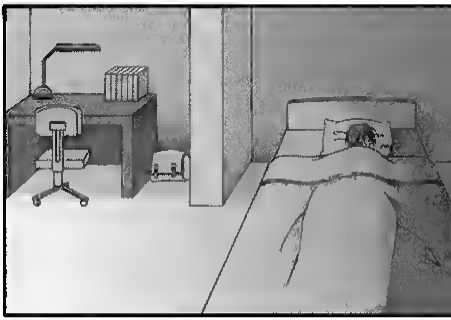

TAKE CARE
..right.

Akira is..
my lover.
Also,
he's the no 1 male escort in dad's shop.
Akira lives in my house.
But even though we live together,
between high school and the service industry,
it's not easy to match our schedules.

Frankly,



I'm a little lonely.



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CREAK
HUH?

I'M BACK, HAZUKI.
WEL-
WEL-COME HOME.

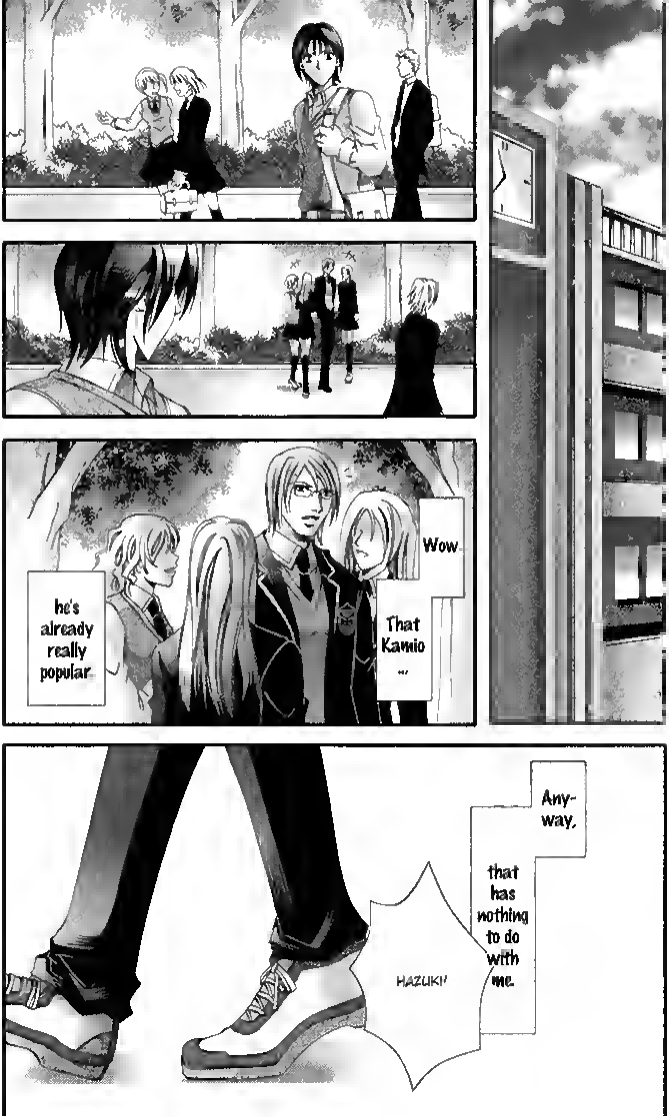
U-UM,
AKIRA,
THIS IS MY ROOM
YOU KNOW?
HOW COULD I NOT?
light bite
...OH!
AH
WAIT
AKIRA... WAIT...
I HAVE SCHOOL TOMOR-ROW
rub
stroke
squish
paint
paint

HAZUKI.
TURN AROUND?
THAT'S... THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM.
Squish
Splort
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T GO IN
IF WE'RE GOING TO DO IT,
W-WHY?
SHALL WE COME TOGETHER?
LET'S DO IT TOGETHER.
BA-BUMP

AH...
pant pant
pant pant
stroke
stroke

E- EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT...
AH!
SQUEEZE
OH!
twitch
HAZUKI,
I'M GONNA STOP
S- STOP
I'M ALREA- DY...
HAZUKI
JUST COME...
squish
stroke
pant pant
splurt
AH...!
shiver
NN
AH.

HAZUKI
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO THAT TRANSFER STUDENT YOU MENTIONED EARLIER.
...OH, RIGHT
NO REASON
HUH? KAMIO?
WHY?
...odd.
WHAT? THAT...


Wow
he's already really popular
That Kamio ...
Any-way,
that has nothing to do with me.
HAZUKI!

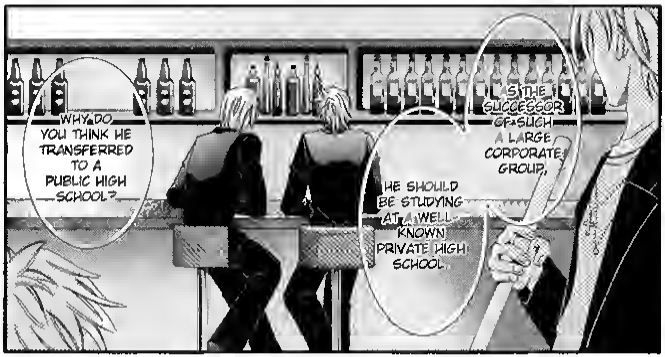
ARE YOU GOING TO CLASS?
LET'S GO TO-GETHER.
HUH?
ER... OKAY.
grun
Why
me?
I THINK I'M IN DANGER

KAMIO, YOU'RE ... "A YOLING MASTER", RIGHT?
WHAT?
SAY, KAMIO.
FWIP
WHA
ISN'T THERE ANOTHER WAY TO SAY THAT?
wobble wobble
"YOLING MASTER"
BUT

THAT AWKWARDNESS OF YOURS
IS RATHER CHARMING
RIGHT,
DO YOU WANT TO GO OUT FOR LUNCH?
MY TREAT.
bow
AWK-WARD...
BUT I AM THE HEIR TO THE KAMIO GROUP,
SO I GUESS THAT'S CLOSE.

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW,
THE SCHOOL FORBIDS EATING OUT
I'VE NO INTENTION OF GETTING SCOLDED BY THE TEACHER.
Cerest
KAMIO?

THERE'S A TRANSFER STUDENT IN HAZUKI'S CLASS
HIS NAME IS KAMIO SHUUJI
KAMIO SHUUJI?
ISN'T THAT THE KAMIO GROUP'S SUCCESSOR?
HUH? BUT
HAZUKI'S SCHOOL IS—
AN ORDINARY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL


WHY DO YOU THINK HE TRANSFERRED TO A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL?
HE SHOULD BE STUDYING AT A WELL-KNOWN PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL.
S)THE SUCCESSOR OF SUCH A LARGE CORPORATE GROUP,

HE'S KAMIO REIKO'S YOUNGER BROTHER.
!
AKIRA
YOU...
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, MY DEAR SENIORS. IF YOU WOULD KINDLY MOVE!

HMM...
TO BUILD CHARACTER BY EXPERIENCING THE HARDSHIPS OF LIFE?

AKIRA
WE'RE ABOUT TO OPEN,
BUT THE CLEANING'S NOT DONE YET
OH, SORRY, SORRY.

YOU WORRY TOO MUCH
BESIDES, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE MATTER WITH REIKO.
YOU WERE JUST DOING YOUR JOB.

THANKS

WHO IS
REIKO-SAN?
smack
KIDS DON'T NEED TO KNOW.
OUCH!

Why?
Why aren't you satisfied?
Why can't you belong only to me?

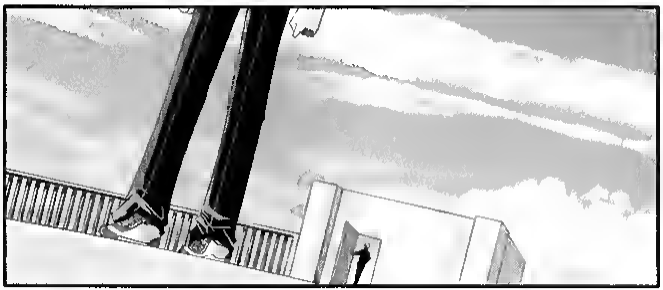
HAZUKI
I've given you my all!

SORRY, MIZUNO
NO PRO-BLEM
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU
ALRIGHT?
SO,
KAMIO,
WHAT IS IT?
Huh...?
HAZUKI

I... SEEM TO HAVE FALLEN FOR YOU.
IT'S LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, I GUESS.
smile
WHAT?

STOP JOKING!
THIS ISN'T FUNNY!
IT'S NOT A JOKE
I'M NOT TRYING TO BE FUNNY
BUT,
I'M A GUY?
I KNOW

YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER, HAZUKI
YOU'LL DEFINI-TELY FALL FOR ME



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WHA...
WHAT!?
REALLY...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
...or rather,
why me?
AM I RELEASING SOME STRANGE PHEROMONE...?

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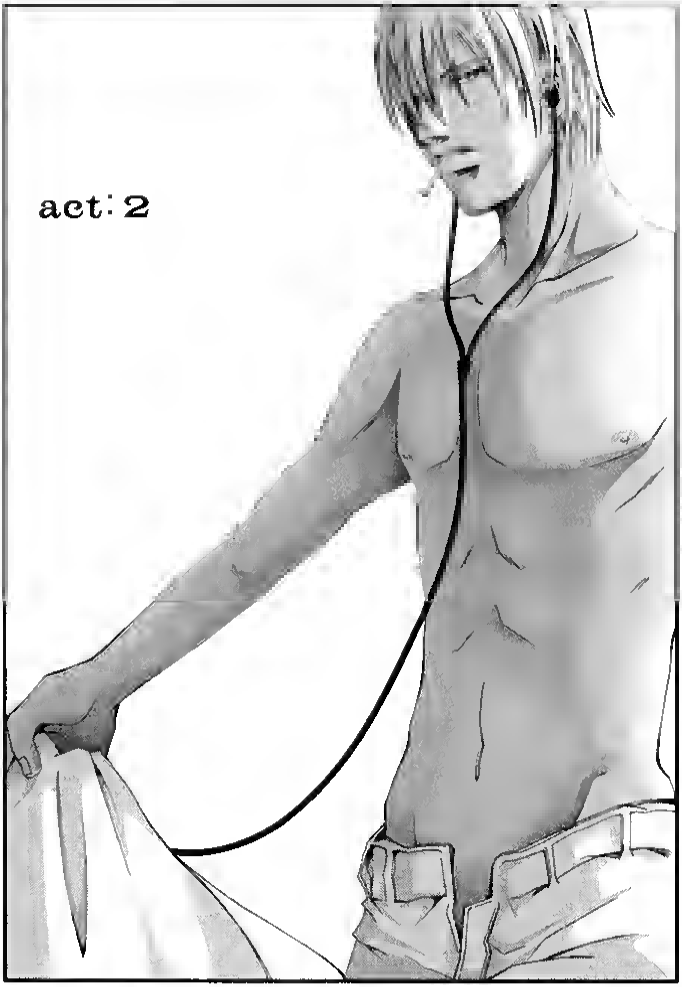
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slurrrp...
How am I going to face Kamio now?
bonk
OUCH!
THAT'S DISGUSTING, HAZUKI.
BOSS'S RIGHT
grab
DAD
DO I HAVE TO KEEP SCOLDING YOU?
MIND YOUR TABLE MANNERS

I NEED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING.
HUH?
AKIRA!
WHAT'S WRONG, YOUNG MAN?
I-IT'S

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO REJECT SOMEONE?
HUH?
AT SCHOOL,
SOMEONE CONFESSED THEIR FEELINGS FOR ME
CONFESSED?
OF...
OF COURSE I'LL REJECT THEM.

AKIRA
AS AN ESCORT,
BUT... I DON'T WANT TO HURT THEM
PERHAPS YOU KNOW
SOME WAY OF REJECTING THEM WITHOUT HURTING THEM
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
HAZUKI,
THINK ABOUT IT...
REJECTING SOMEONE WITHOUT HURTING THEM?

NO MATTER HOW YOU SAY IT,
THEY'RE GONNA BE HURT
YOU CONFESS YOUR FEELINGS TO SOMEONE YOU LIKE,
BUT YOU'RE REJECTED
BUT,
THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S RIGHT TO HURT SOMEONE
INSTEAD OF RACKING YOUR BRAINS FOR A BETTER WAY,
WHY DON'T YOU PRAY THAT THEY'LL GET OVER IT QUICKLY?

JUST DON'T BE FLIPPANT OR COLD...
BE SINCERE WHEN YOU'RE REJECTING THEM.
WELL, INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT WHAT TO SAY,
WHY NOT HONESTLY SAY "I'M SORRY"?
Honest-ly...

KAMIO!
AH,
MORNING, HAZUKI.
ABOUT YESTER-DAY...
SORRY.
HUH?

I CONFESSED MY FEELINGS WITHOUT
CONSIDERING HOW YOU'D FEEL ABOUT IT.
YOU'RE ANGRY, AREN'T YOU?
NO...
IT'S NOT THAT

BUT HAZUKI...
I LIKE YOU.
SO,
PLEASE DON'T HATE ME.

A WATCH?
IT'S A GIFT.
I ORDERED IT JUST FOR YOU.
HUH!?

DO YOU LIKE IT?
I CAN'T ACCEPT IT
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
I'VE NO REASON TO ACCEPT IT.
HMM.
YOU'RE REALLY POLITE
NOT LIKE HIM AT ALL
WHAT?

WAIT!
THE WATCH!
THAT'S ALREADY YOURS.
HEY! WAIT
KAMIO!
SORRY.
IT'S NOTHING.
IF YOU DON'T WANT IT,
SELL IT OR THROW IT AWAY.
IT'S UP TO YOU.
I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE IT.
WHAT A PITY.

WHY DON'T YOU PAWN IT?
DIDN'T KAMIO TELL YOU TO DO THAT?
AAAH...
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH THIS?
irritated
HAZUKI, ALTHOUGH YOU LIVE WITH ESCORTS,
YOU'RE NOTHING LIKE ONE.
OF COURSE.
I CAN'T DO THAT.
THAT'S RUDE.
THE ESCORT BY MY SIDE
IS THE BEST GUY THERE IS.

THE BEST GUY THERE IS...?
HAZUKI.
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THE BEST GUY IS LIKE?
KAMIO ...
...EAVES-DROPPING?

ANYWAY, HAZUKI,
ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID, THAT AN ESCORT IS THE BEST GUY.
I THINK YOU SHOULD RETHINK THAT.
NO OFFENSE.
I COULDN'T HELP OVER-HE. RING YOU GUYS.
...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THE BEST GUY SHOULD BE
SOMEONE LIKE ME

I COME FROM THE BEST FAMILY,
AND MY FUTURE AS THE LEADER OF THE KAMIO GROUP IS
ESCORTS MAY BE JUST AS RICH,
BUT THAT'S JUST FILTHY MONEY FROM CHEATING WOMEN
WRONG?

HEY, HA-ZU-KI

SFX: slap

YOU'RE THE WORST.
YOU ARE ....
NOT THE BEST GUY.

HAZUKI...?
AH, WELCOME HOME...
YOU'RE STILL AWAKE?
YEAH, THERE'S SOMETHING...
rustle

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
SOME-THING
IT'S A LITTLE COMPLICAT-ED.
HEY, AKIRA.
YOU
ABOUT YOUR ESCORT WORK.
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT?

I'M PROUD OF IT.

TO FULFILL THEIR FANTASIES
TO BE THEIR FRIEND
SOME-TIMES,
EVEN THEIR LOVER
THAT'S ...
MY JOB.
EVEN IF IT'S ONLY FOR A MOMENT, I HELP THEM FORGET REALITY
AND LET THEM EXIST ONLY IN PLEASURE

REGRET ...?
MAYBE JUST A LITTLE.
HUH?
BUT THE WORLD DOESN'T SEE IT THAT WAY DOES IT?
DON'T YOU REGRET IT?
BECAUSE
IT'S MADE YOU LONELY

...IDIOT.
WHAT'S WRONG, HAZUKI?
...YEAH?

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
?
IT'S NOTHING.
MORE IMPORT-ANTLY,
TAKE ME TO YOUR ROOM.
WAS RIGHT AFTER ALL
CHOICE

I'M IN THE MOOD.
HAZUKI.
AGGRES-SIVE, AREN'T YOU?
I WANT TO FEEL YOU
I like Akira the most.
Pant Pant
No matter what others say,
Akira is Akira.
CREAK
CREAK

AKI RA...
WAIT
TOO DEEP
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO FEEL ME?
squish
LISE YOUR DEEPEST PARTS
AND TRULY FEEL ME
THRUST
AAH!
AH!
AH! AH...
AH!
thrust
push
push

SFX: ba-thump
HA...ZUKI!
...AH!
...!!
drip
drip
As long as I can still feel this warmth,
every-thing will be all right

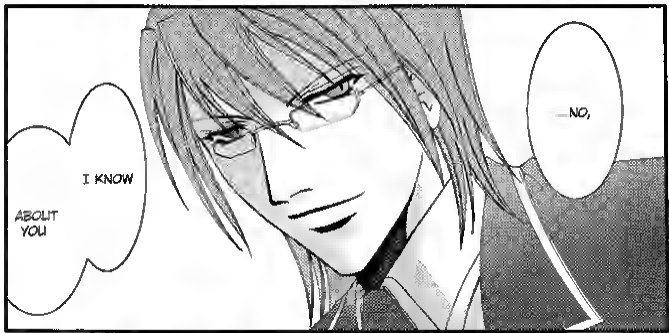
I should move on without fear.
I ALREADY HAVE SOMEONE IMPORTANT TO ME.
SO, I CAN'T RETURN YOUR FEELINGS.

...SORRY.
AFTER YOU HIT ME YESTERDAY,
I KNEW IT WOULDN'T WORK OUT.
T-THAT'S!
HAZUKI.
I KNOW.

FORGET IT
YOU MADE ME REALIZE
I WANT TO LEARN THINGS BY MYSELF
HAZUKI, WILL YOU HELP ME
THAT I'VE TRAPPED MYSELF IN THIS "SUCCESSOR" ROLE,
ACCEPTING WHAT OTHERS GIVE ME WITHOUT TRULY KNOWING ANYTHING.
AS A FRIEND?

I PROMISE.
DON'T DO ANYTHING WEIRD AGAIN.
OH YEAH ...
HAVE WE MET BEFORE?
HIS?
WHY?
IT'S NOTHING
I WAS WONDERING WHY YOU APPROACHED ME
AND THE FIRST TIME YOU WALKED INTO THE CLASS-ROOM,
YOU LOOKED AT ME
AND SMILED RIGHT?

SO,
I THOUGHT PERHAPS YOU KNEW ME FROM SOME-WHERE
AH,
SORRY IF I'M MISTAKEN


NO,
I KNOW ABOUT YOU

THAT YOU'RE THE LOVER OF THE NUMBER ONE ESCORT

WHAT?
W-WHY...?
HMM...
I KNOW SOMEONE WHO LIKES PARTYING
HE SAID IT'S A FAMOUS STORY, AND HE TOLD ME
THE ESCORT CALLED AKIRA
HE'S THE IMPORTANT PERSON YOU MENTIONED, RIGHT?
SO, THAT'S WHY I WAS INTERESTED IN YOU...
TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THE NUMBER ONE FALL FOR YOU... I WANTED TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE...

I WANTED TO GET TO KNOW YOU
THAT'S WHY I APPROACHED YOU.
OH?
THEN THE "LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT" YOU MENTIONED...
PURELY AN EXCUSE...
.....
HAZUKI?
SO I'M NOT RELEASING SOME WEIRD PHEROMONES ...
PHEW

WHERE ARE YOU GOING FOR COLLEGE?
I WANT TO GO ABROAD,
BUT I DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE IN IT.
OH
AH
AKIRA!?

AKIRA!
WHY'RE YOU HERE?

THE SHOP CLOSED EARLY,
SO I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO GO OUT FOR DINNER?

HE'S YOUR MOST IMPORTANT PERSON?
KAMIO
AH, KAMIO.
HAZUKI.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, AKIRA-SAN.
THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF MY SISTER.
...KAMIO?

HAZUKI
THE CAR'S OVER THERE
I'LL MEET YOU THERE
HUH?
I HAVE SOMETHING TO DISCUSS WITH KAMIO
OKAY
YOU REALLY DON'T WANT HAZUKI TO HEAR THIS

DON'T MISUNDER-STAND
WHAT?
ABOUT THE WOMEN YOU'VE HAD RELATIONSHIPS WITH
WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN ME AND KAMIO REIKO
WAS PURELY THE RELATIONSHIP OF AN ESCORT AND A CLIENT.
THAT'S ALL. NO MORE, NO LESS.
WHA...

DO YOU KNOW HOW MY SISTER WAS TREATED AFTER THAT?
SFX tug
BECAUSE OF YOU, I HAD TO ...
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN THAT
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I WANT TO KNOW

YOU...
WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO GET CLOSE TO HAZUKI?
...BECAUSE I WANT TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH HIM

whisper
whisper
LET ME GIVE YOU A PIECE OF ADVICE.
YOU'D BETTER
NOT HURT HAZUKI OR MAKE HIM CRY,

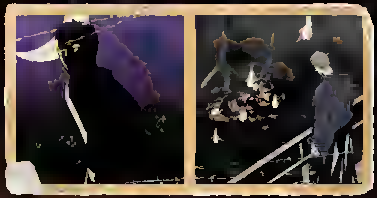
OR I'LL
CRUSH YOU

HE'S JUST AN ESCORT ...

WHAT CAN HE DO?

Happy Halloween!

May every trick turn out a treat,



and all your frights bring delight!

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I LIKE YOU SO MUCH
SO WHY?
WHY...
CAN'T YOU BELONG TO ME?

I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU SOONER.
OUR RELATIONSHIP IS MERELY THAT OF ESCORT AND CLIENT...
TO BEGIN WITH...
THERE WAS NO "AKIRA."
BESIDES,
THE "AKIRA" THAT YOU LOVE SO DEEPLY
IS JUST A ROLE I PLAY
YOU'RE LYING...
IF THAT'S TRUE....

THEN WHO ARE YOU REALLY?
AKIRA.
YOU'RE BEING CALLED.
ALL RIGHT.

A CHALET?
YEAH...
RIGHT BY THE SEA.

ARE YOU GOING, MIZUNO?
THE MORE THE MERRIER
WE COULD GO WINDSURF-ING
DO YOU WANT TO GO THIS WEEKEND?

WINDSURFING, HUH

ABSOLUTELY NOT.
COOL
HUH?
WHY!?
YOU'RE TOO YOUNG FOR AN OVERNIGHT TRIP!

BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE VISITING KAMIO'S CHALET COSTS MONEY
EVEN MIZUNO SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
TOO YOUNG
I'M NOT A GRADE-SCHOOLER!
MIZUNO?
MY FRIEND
HE WAS INVITED TOO
...I'M SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOUR FRIEND,
BUT YOU'RE STILL NOT GOING.

DAD...
ALREADY SAID I COULD GO.
clench

AKIRA,
YOU'RE ACTING WEIRD.
FIRST YOU ASK ME NOT TO GET TOO CLOSE TO KAMIO
AND I DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU SAID TO KAMIO THE OTHER DAY.

AKIRA... ARE YOU HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME?
KAMIO'S SISTER...
HOW DO YOU KNOW HER?

THAT'S NOT YOUR CONCERN
WHAT?!
NOT MY
WHA...
CONCERN?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?

whack
STOP JOKING!
I'M YOUR LOVER!
HOW IS IT NOT MY CONCERN?
I'M...

WHO AM I...
TO YOU?
HAZUKI
HAZUKI
CALM DOWN
ALL RIGHT?
DON'T TOUCH ME!
shove

I'M NOT YOUR CLIENT!
BEHAVING EXACTLY LIKE AN ESCORT!
YOU ALWAYS ACT LIKE THAT,
SUIT YOURSELF.
slam

I JUST
DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU,
HAZUKI

KAMIO.
HEY, HAZUKI.
HUH?
WHERE'S MIZUNO?
HE CALLED THIS MORNING TO SAY HE COULDN'T MAKE IT...
...OH.
In the end,

I didn't say a word to Akira
and went to Kamio's chalet.
IT'S A THREEHOUR DRIVE, SO WE SHOULD GET THERE IN THE EVENING
WINDSURFING'LL HAVE TO WAIT TILL TOMORROW
OKAY
...
Actually,
I don't care at all about what happened with Kamio's sister.

I wish we could have that kind of relation-ship

don't want any secrets between us.

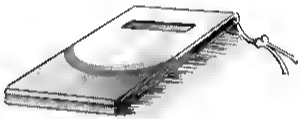
I just ...

Am I ..

so unworthy of your trust?

DAD TOLD ME TO DECIDE FOR MYSELF
I REALLY ENVY YOUR FREEDOM
DID YOU GET YOUR FAMILY'S PERMISSION?
BY THE WAY, HAZUKI,
AND YOUR BOYFRIEND?
HUH?
HE DOESN'T MIND THAT
YOU'RE SPENDING THE NIGHT WITH ANOTHER MAN?
ABSOLUTELY NOT
HE DOESN'T MIND

HMM



AKI-
RA.
HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO STARE AT THAT CELL PHONE?
BOSS
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S UP WITH YOU AND HAZUKI
IF YOU WANT TO CALL, CALL.
IF YOU WANT TO TEXT, TEXT
BOSS.
JUST DO IT,
AKIRA.

WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP HAZUKI FROM GOING TO KAMIO'S CHALET?
AKIRA, YOU WORRY TOO MUCH.
BESIDES, HAZUKI'S NOT GOING ALONE.
HE'S GOING WITH HIS CLASSMATES, SO NOTHING'LL HAPPEN.
MEANING YOU DON'T THINK KAMIO'S DANGEROUS?
BUT HE'S REIKO'S YOUNGER BROTHER...
AS LONG AS THERE'S NO DANGER TO HIM,
I DON'T WANT TO INTERFERE WITH HIS CHOICE OF FRIENDS

RRR
HELLO,
THIS IS AKIRA.
Um...this is Mizuno.
MIZUNO?
Is Hazuki-kun there?
I can't get through to his cell phone..
MIZU-NO.
EVEN MIZUNO SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
shock

WAIT A MINUTE!
YOU...
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE WITH HAZUKI AT KAMIO'S CHALET?
No...Kamio called this morning
and said that we'd have to cancel this time...

Hello?
Hello?
AKIRA?
THAT LITTLE

Hazuki!
IT'S REALLY BEAUTIFUL

TOO BAD MIZUNO COULDN'T COME
THIS IS WHERE MY SISTER AND I USED TO COME TO PLAY WHEN WE WERE KIDS.
KAMIO, WHAT DID YOU SAY TO AKIRA EARLIER?
"THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF MY SISTER."
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
YOU WANT TO KNOW?

ブブー!
SFX: honk
...IT'S A LONG STORY.
WHY DON'T WE GO INSIDE?
DON'T TOTAL THE CAR.
I KNOW!
Hazuki!

THE TRUTH IS,
MY SISTER WAS THE ORIGINAL SUCCESSOR OF THE KAMIO GROUP.
BUT,
A CERTAIN MAN
DESTROYED IT ALL
YES,
IT WAS THAT
NUMBER ONE ESCORT.

MARRIAGE?
MY SISTER HAD A SHELTERED UPBRINGING. SHE WAS NAIVE,
AND FELL FOR HIM IMMEDIATELY.
SHE EVEN CONSIDERED MARRIAGE
SHE ARRANGED EVERYTHING SO THAT HE COULD JOIN THE KAMIO FAMILY
BUT, MY SISTER WAS SERIOUS
STUPID, ISN'T IT?
MY SISTER WAS DEVASTATED. SHE BEHAVED DISGRACEFULLY,
AND IN THE END, SHE WAS DISOWNED.
HE SAID IT WASN'T WORTH GIVING UP HIS FREEDOM FOR
BUT THAT MAN REFUSED.

I SEE
YOUR SISTER MUST HAVE BEEN IN A LOT OF PAIN.
SHE DESERVED IT.
THAT KIND OF WOMAN
DOESN'T DESERVE SYMPATHY.
HUH?
IF SHE WANTED TO SELF-DESTRUCT, SHE SHOULD HAVE DONE IT ON HER OWN.
INSTEAD, THAT USELESS WOMAN GOT ME INVOLVED.

I HAD TO BECOME THE SUCCESSOR OF THE GROUP IN HER PLACE
I HAD OTHER THINGS I WANTED TO DO...
IF IT WASN'T FOR THAT MAN...
HADN'T APPEARED IN FRONT OF MY SISTER...
IF THAT MAN...
THAT MAN
DESTROYED MY DREAMS...

YOU'RE WRONG.
WHAT?
IF IT WAS JUST ABOUT YOUR SISTER, I COULD UNDERSTAND
BUT YOU SAY HE DESTROYED YOUR DREAMS?
WHETHER YOUR DREAMS
WILL COME TRUE OR NOT DEPENDS ON YOU.
OTHER PEOPLE HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

DON'T BE MISTAKEN, KAMIO.
THE ONE WHO DESTROYED YOUR DREAMS WAS YOU
YOU'RE JUST PUSHING THE BLAME ONTO YOUR SISTER AND AKIRA
SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY
I CAN'T GO AGAINST MY FATHER, THE CHAIRMAN
YOU WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND
YOU'RE FREE TO DECIDE HOW TO LIVE YOUR LIFE

I REALLY
ENVY YOU.
shove
!?
HAZUKI

LET ME EMBRACE YOU.
WHAT?
BECAUSE IT'S TOO UNFAIR.
NOT ONLY DID HE DESTROY MY DREAMS.
BUT HE'S LIVING HAPPILY WITH THE ONE HE LOVES...
I WANT TO CAUSE THAT GUY SOME PAIN.

YOU
HE DOESN'T WANT MONEY OR POWER
BUT HE DEEPLY CARES FOR HIS LOVER
ONLY YOU CAN HURT THAT GUY
I WON'T ASK YOU TO DO IT FOR FREE OF COURSE
I'LL PAY YOU ACCORDINGLY

whack
STOP JOKING!
th.ob
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
DON'T THINK YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT, JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT MONEY.
IS THAT SO?
BUT I CAN'T JUST LET YOU GO HOME WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING.
I TRANSFERRED TO YOUR HIGH SCHOOL JUST FOR THIS.

I ONLY LET AKIRA EMBRACE ME BECAUSE IT'S AKIRA! I LOVE HIM!
SOMEONE LIKE YOU WOULD ONLY MAKE ME NAUSEOUS
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE, SO JUST ENJOY YOURSELF,
AND GET PAID. IT'S NOT A BAD DEAL
...SUCH A NOISY MOUTH.

SFX: bam
ダン!!
I DON'T REALLY ENJOY
FORCING OTHERS, BUT—

AAAAH!
bite
FREEZE
YOU LITTLE
...!

DIDN'T YOUR MOTHER TEACH YOU HOW TO LOCK YOUR DOOR?
YOUNG MASTER,
GET OFF OF HAZUKI
RIGHT NOW.
NO
pull
WHY SHOULD I OBEY AN ESCORT?

YOU LITTLE
YOU THINK YOU INTIMIDATE ME?
SFX: bam
IF YOU BEG.
PERHAPS I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.
.....

AH... AKIRA, I...
DON'T THINK YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU WANT, JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE THE SUCCESSOR TO THE KAMIO GROUP
HAZUKI

HAZUKI

...
KAMIO SHUUJI
WHAT DID YOU INTEND TO DO?
DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW TO PICK A FIGHT?

YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO HURT ME,
BUT THE ONE YOU HURT
WAS HAZUKI
DON'T YOU HATE ME?

THEN COME AFTER ME!

....
I'LL PLAY YOUR LITTLE GAME TO THE END,
UNTIL YOU DECIDE TO GIVE UP

.....
DON'T THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH ACTING SO SMUG...
HA... HAHA!
YOU ATTACKED ME
MY FATHER WON'T LET THAT GO.
YOUR SHOP'S GOING TO BE GONE SOON...

AKIRA
HMPH.
STILL RELYING ON YOUR DAD
YOU'RE NAIVE, KID.
LEARN TO WIPE YOUR OWN ASS
DAD ...
KAMIO FAMILY KNOWS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PERSONAL MATTERS AND BUSINESS
MY SHOP WON'T DISAPPEAR THAT EASILY

YOU SEEM TO THINK YOU'RE BETTER THAN US
YOU THINK YOU'RE SOMEONE SPECIAL?
BASED ON WHAT?
MONEY?
DON'T MENTION ME IN THE SAME BREATH AS YOU FILTHY NOUVEAU RICHE
AKIRA AND I BOTH HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY
I'M THE DIRECT DESCENDANT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF A LARGE CORPORATE GROUP
I WAS BORN ELITE
I'M COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

KAMIO,
AKIRA,
AND YOU...
ME,
WE'RE THE SAME.
WE'RE ALL HUMAN.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING
IS HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE

Well then
YOU ACTUAL-LY DON'T WANT TO TAKE OVER THE GROUP, RIGHT?
WHY DON'T YOU TRY TALKING TO YOUR FAMILY?
YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING IF YOU LET OTHERS DECIDE YOUR LIFE FOR YOU
BEFORE YOU BLAME OTHERS,
TRY ACTUALLY DOING SOME-THING
IT'S YOUR LIFE
WHO'S GONNA LIVE IT IF YOU DON'T?

.....
LET'S GO HOME.
.....
HAZUKI!
GOOD-BYE, LITTLE MASTER
flop

AKIRA, YOU ARRIVED JUST IN TIME.
YOU SAVED ME...
.....
I'M POSITIVE IT TOOK US THREE HOURS TO GET HERE.
BY THREE HOURS, YOU MEAN
DRIVING LEGALLY?
I THOUGHT FOR SURE WE WERE GOING TO DIE SEVERAL TIMES ON THE WAY HERE.

WHAT?
REALLY
HA-ZUKI?
SHIVER
I JUST SUD-DENLY STARTED SHAKING
I WONDER WHY?
YOU'RE AN IDIOT, HAZUKI

AT A TIME LIKE THIS,
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ACT STRONG.
YOU DID YOUR BEST
IN THE END,
YOU WERE REALLY COOL.
ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU'RE ALL RIGHT,
HAZUKI

Akira
was
really
warm.

Be-
cause
...
I like
Akira.
because
it's his
hands
...
He's
always
been able
to soothe
me,

SORRY, HAZUKI,
FOR DRAGGING YOU INTO THIS
Did Akira
know what was going to happen?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME
KAMIO'S SISTER,
AKIRA?

BECAUSE I DON'T WANT YOU TO HATE ME
NO MATTER HOW YOU PUT IT,
THE FACT IS, I HURT HER
I WAS AFRAID THAT
YOU WOULDN'T LIKE ME ANYMORE

HAZUKI?
...
pat

IDIOT.
BESIDES,
DON'T YOU KNOW?
HOW COULD I HATE YOU JUST FOR THAT?

I LIKE YOU
MORE THAN
YOU COULD
POSSIBLY IMAGINE

SO,
WHY DON'T YOU TRY TRUSTING ME A BIT MORE?
DON'T
ACT SO COOL IN FRONT OF ME

THE AKIRA I LIKE ISN'T AN ESCORT
IT'S YOU
JUST BE YOURSELF

touch
HAZUKI
YOU REALLY ARE THE BEST.

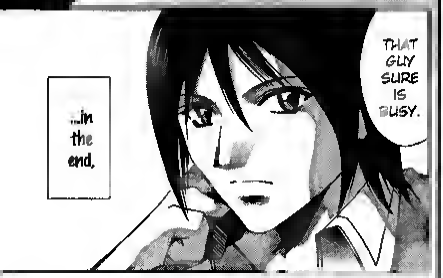
HAZUKI
SQUEEZE
smile
OF COURSE
AFTER ALL, YOU CHOSE ME
THANK YOU
Akira is too kind.
pant
pant

pant
pant
AKIRA
AH!
Akira will never show weakness in front of me.
tremble
IT'S ALREADY
splish
BEAR IT A LITTLE LONGER.

KISS ME, HAZUKI
Aaah
But, even if it's just a little ...
AH
AH AH
AAAH!

Haa
Haa
—I LOVE YOU
It would be wonderful if I could comfort him
just a little.

HAZUKI, HAVE YOU HEARD?
KAMIO IS
GOING OVERSEAS TO STUDY


THAT GUY SURE IS BUSY.
...in the end.

Kamio let it go.
Dad's shop's still doing good business.

But was going overseas to study
Ka-mio's dream?
AIRMAIL?
KAMIO
HUH?
Hazuki..
HAZUKI
WHERE'S THE PAPER?

I carefully thought over what you said to me.
No one has ever said anything like that to me before.
...not only that,
his fist was also very effective.
HAZUKI?
Hazuki,
because of you, I've finally taken the first step
Thank you.

But
I know I've hurt you
Even now, I
deeply regret it
HAZUKI
IF, ONE DAY, YOU ARE WILLING TO FORGIVE ME,
AT THAT TIME
!
WHAT'S THAT?
N-NOTHING!
YOU'RE ACTING SUSPI-CIOUS
Fwip

...at that time, I seriously want to become your lover and heal your wounds.
That's what I think now
I TOLD YOU, IT'S NOTHING!
HAND IT OVER!
SHOW ME!
Kamio,
I can never accept that request
Because in this lifetime,
Akira is my only lover
◆END◆

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